

Docket No.: 49657-871



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of | : | Customer Number: 20277 |
| Masahiko TAKEUCHI, et al. | : | Confirmation Number: 8800 |
| Serial No.: 09/725,853 | : | Group Art Unit: 2826 |
| Filed: November 30, 2000 | : | Examiner: L. Andujar |
| For: PHOTOMASK INCLUDING AUXILIARY MARK AREA, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF | : | |

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT OF ELECTION OF SPECIES

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of August 26, 2003, wherein an election of Species has been required, Applicants hereby elect Species I (pages 18-24, Figs. 1-9, upon which claims 1-4 are readable) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper.

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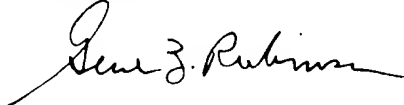
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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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